



# The Ebenezer

10 May 2011

Happy Birthday Rhenish -151 Years

## PTA News

### **Golf Day**

Our enthusiastic Golf Day Committee is already hard at work and will have met for the second time by the time you read this issue. Please remember to diarise the Golf Day – **Friday 21 October 2011 @ De Zalze Golf Course.**

### **Woolworths - My School Initiative**

Sadly, we did not win the My School competition last term, but please continue swiping your My School cards. Every swipe makes a difference! The winning school scored 12 015 and Rhenish Primary School 2 052. Serious competition ☺!

### **Grade 5 Catering**

Andrea Rutherford, Karen De Franchi and the Grade 5 Catering Moms have started the second term off with a bang. Once again, please support them as much as you are able to.

A very big thank you to Mr Johan Rust (ex RPS parent) of Timber Tech for the three new cupboards donated for Grade 5 Catering use in The Pavilion.

### **PTA Shop**

Please see the list of Lost Property in this issue and make every effort to collect.

### **Website**

We are thrilled that Astrid Beyers has joined the PTA and is already hard at work addressing various issues with regards to the school website. We will keep you updated via The Ebenezer. Caroline Hirst has also agreed to be involved in the proof reading process. Thank you to both of you!

### **Wish List**

**The following Wish List items have been ticked off the list:**

- The **Air Conditioner & Isolator for Photocopy/Computer Room** was installed during the holidays. A big thank you to Janik Hendriksz of Airvent Helderberg who made a special arrangement to have this installation completed in the holidays;

- The **2 Voice Recorders for the Remedial Department have been purchased** and are already being put to good use;
- The **Picnic Bench for the grounds men was purchased and collected** in Mr Petersen's bakkie. Nolan and his team are extremely grateful to have somewhere to sit during their tea and lunch breaks – the smiles on their faces told a story;
- The **new Marimba Band for the Music Department was purchased and delivered** last week;
- A total of **14 fans** (old and new) **were moved/installed during the holidays** - Art Room, Dance Drama & Music Room (old woodwork room) and throughout the school where needed. A very big thank you to Graham Hirst and the Simonsberg Electrical team for all their time spent on this project and managing to complete the job in the holidays.

#### **And in the pipeline:**

- Mrs Branders has put together a wonderful plan for the painting of playground games in **all** the quads.
- The PTA has managed to source a supplier of giant outdoor chess sets. A chess set and the painting of playground games will be tabled at the next PTA meeting on 7 June 2011 for final approval.
- Additional Wish List requests have been received. These will be tabled at the next PTA meeting for consideration, but possibly only for 2012 budget.

Please keep reading The Ebenezer for an update on the abovementioned items.

Until the next issue, hope you all had a wonderful holiday!

Regards, **Sue Chapman**

(schapman@telkomsa.net or 083 567 0215)

*Don't forget to keep  
collecting bread tags*

#### **Visitors' Cards**

As you have hopefully now read, we have introduced a system of issuing visitors' cards to any people who wish to enter the school building.

The main reason for the system is to improve the safety of our children and staff in and around the school. We, as a staff, will now be able to distinguish between those legitimate and otherwise. We appeal to you to see this system in a positive light and not to view it as unwelcoming. We still love our parents to go about their child's educational business in the way they have done before and to show their faces at the school. We have simply added some rules to ensure orderliness and safety. The wonderful relationship that exists between the various members of the Rhenish Family must continue to go from strength to strength.

Please ensure you have read the contents of the communication sent home as the ins-and-outs of the system are clearly explained.

**Neil Pretorius**

## Important Dates

Please take note of the highlights of the rest of the term:

1. **Wednesday 18 May** - Municipal elections – no school.
2. **Thursday 19 May** – Gr 6 Public Speaking – parents welcome to attend, although we understand that most are working.
3. **Friday 20 May** – Pre-Reception and Reception Autumn Markey Day.
4. **Wednesday 25 May** – Gr 5 Science Expo – parents welcome.
5. **Thursday 26 May** – Gr 7 Afrikaans Public Speaking – parents welcome.
6. **Thursday 2 June** – Gr 7 Mathematics 1 and English Language and Comprehension examinations.
7. **Friday 3 June** – Gr 7 Mathematics 2 and Afrikaans Taal en Begrip examinations.
8. **Friday 3 June** - WINTER CIVVIES DAY.
9. **Saturday 11 June** – RPS Chess Tournament.
10. **Tuesday 14 June** – RPS light music concert.
11. **Wednesday 15 June** – Netball tour departs.
12. **Thursday 16 June** – Public holiday – Youth Day.
13. **Friday 17 June** – school holiday.
14. **Saturday 18 June** – RPS 5-a-side fun Football Tournament.  
Netball tour returns.
15. **Tuesday 21 June** – Gr 1 to 7 Spelling Bee.
16. **Wednesday 22 June** – class and cultural photographs.
17. **Friday 24 June** – school closes for Term 2.

Wishing you a most rewarding next few weeks and an easy slide into winter.

**Neil Pretorius**

## Knysna U/13 Girls Hockey Tour 2011

Once again we had an absolutely fantastic time on our Knysna Hockey Tour. We are extremely fortunate to be invited to be a part of the Hockey Festival as it is quite a unique opportunity. It is very

seldom that the children get a chance to play so much hockey in such a short space of time and it is quite remarkable how quickly the girls improved over the 3 days. Even from game to game I could see the girls' skills and strategies develop as they learnt not only from their coaches but also from each other. What a wonderful way to start the season!

Hockey aside, the girls had a wonderful time. We went to a night market, had a ferry ride around The Heads, went to movies and spent many happy hours around the pool. Miss Wilson and I will also never forget the girls' "April Fool's Fun"!

Thank you so much to all the parents who sponsored the eats, drinks, hats, bags and jerseys. The girls all looked very smart in their gear! Thank you also to all the parents who came along with us to Knysna. It is such a wonderful support to have parents cheering us on at the sidelines!

**Caron Lowe**

### **Music Department**

1. **THE WATOTO Children's Choir**, an orphan choir from Uganda, gave a magnificent concert at Rhenish Primary School during March, as the following learners explain:

- The Watoto Choir is a group of energized children. They all have sad stories of what happened to them when their parents died, but yet, they perform great inspirational songs, very professionally sung and danced. I was very lucky to have seen them live and I would like to see them again. I really enjoyed this concert. (Kieron October)
- When I heard their voices, my mouth dropped. I enjoyed all the songs; they were so lively and energetic! I tried to hug each one of the members at the end, to show them my appreciation. (Celeste Opperman)

We received a beautiful thank you card from the Watoto Children's Choir at the beginning of this term in which they expressed their gratitude to have performed at our school and hoping to come again.

2. The annual **Concert in the Garden** at Rhenish Girls' High on Sunday 27 March 2011, was an unforgettable event:

- I thought the Concert in the Garden was a success. I enjoyed the marimbas, choir, orchestra, and I really liked the Saxophone Solo by Thomas Hawkins. (Jason Pretorius)
- We had a combined rehearsal on the Friday before the concert with Mrs van Amstel, Rhenish Girls' High and Paul Roos. This was the first time that we heard our song, together with the high schools. We sounded very soft in comparison to their choirs. On the Sunday, all our parents came to watch us. The Junior Choir also sang; they were very cute! (Nicole Blows)
- My highlight of the Concert in the Garden was definitely the Paul Roos Boys' Choir. I think most of us enjoyed watching them because they were entertaining and we

enjoyed their dance. I also enjoyed listening to the solo voices and ensembles. (Amy Ann Bruwer)



We are hosting the **Rhenish Schools' Concert on 12 May 2011**, to be held at the Bloemhof Centre which seats 1 100 people! This Concert, starting at 19:00, promises to be a highlight of the year. It features orchestras, choirs, marimba bands, mass items, and invited guests. These include the Paul Roos Drumline and flute ensemble, including renowned flautist and lecturer Liesl Stolz. **Tickets are selling at R50 each from** at Rhenish Primary School ( 07:30 – 08:00, 14:00 – 14:30) and Rhenish Girls' High School (13:00 – 13:40). **NO TICKET SALES AT BLOEMHOF ON THE EVENING**

Please also diarise **14 June 2011**, for our **Light Music Concert**. Details to follow.

**Mrs O'Reilly**

**Bursar's Office**

All EFT payments must have the correct reference (your child's name, or account number).

Please inform the Bursar when Music (or any fees other than school fees) are included in an EFT payment.

*Keep knitting those baby clothes*

**Grade 7 Fun Day**

The Grade 7 Fun Day was held on the afternoon of 31 March. This annual fundraising event forms part of the Grade 7 Economic and Management Sciences curriculum and aims to develop many different skills, e.g. successful group work, an understanding of the need and purpose of fundraising in a free-market economy, and the importance of honesty in money matters. The Grade 7 learners must be commended on their creativity, hard work and co-operative behaviour. I want to thank all the educators and the grounds staff who assisted with and supervised the activities. We also appreciate the support and enthusiasm of all the learners and their generous parents.

**Marietjie Vink**

**Grade 7 Wortelgat Camp**

The Grade 7 Outdoor Education Camp was held at Wortelgat (just outside Stanford, close to Hermanus) from 8-11 March. The learners and educators really enjoyed the four days on this beautiful farm, and many new skills were acquired.

I would like to thank Mr Petersen and Mr Underwood for accompanying their classes, as well as Mr Niland who stepped in so graciously to come and help us out. Mr Underwood deserves a special word of appreciation for his task as the main organizer of the camp.

## **Marietjie Vink**

### **Lost Property**

#### **UNIFORM**

D. Gale  
Van Elst  
Noel  
Okara  
Shane Wolkswinkel  
Hoffman  
Zac W  
Liebenburg

#### **CIVVIES**

Rachel Cut  
Coombe-Davis

#### **LUNCH GEAR**

O. van Holt  
Stander  
C. Joubert  
Chapman  
Morton  
Brand  
J. Mouton  
Farrell  
D.Fowler

Sam Theron  
James Britz  
Huskissan  
Emma Reid  
V. Hoogstraten  
Jurique  
A. Maritz  
Taine

#### **PE**

A. Strauss  
A.Smit  
Almond  
Amelie du Toit  
Armand  
Ashlee  
Bester  
Bester  
Brand  
C.Smith  
Carl

Crystal.B  
Drysdale  
Folscher  
Gustav

#### **HAT/CAP**

Hindmarch  
Isabelle  
J.de Vries  
Julia  
Kelsey Petersen  
Kristin

L. Joubert  
L.Adams  
Luc  
Luke JVR  
M. Carinus  
M. Orteele  
M.Leslie  
Mia

#### **HAT/CAP (CONTINUED)**

Octavia  
Panzeri  
R. Skinner  
R.Gagiano  
R.von Wiese  
Ravenscroft  
S.H  
S.J  
Schlieman

#### **SWIMMING**

S.Theron  
Panzeri  
Jessica.B  
C.Smith  
Farrell  
A.Mackintosh  
Joubert  
Alex Braxton  
Dylan Evans  
Noah  
A. Smith

#### **SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR**

T.Ebels  
Van Elst  
Van Elst  
Wescott

**All Items which remain unclaimed after Tuesday 24 May  
will be sold or donated to worthy causes.**

## **Pre-Reception and Reception Class Mini-Walk**

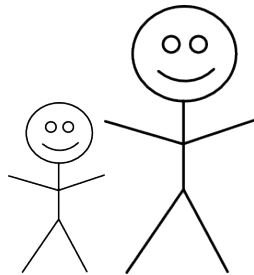
The Pre-Reception and Reception Class Mini-Walk was held on the last Saturday morning of the first term. This institution always serves to be more than just a fundraiser. Many old ties are rekindled as parents meet up with old school and university mates, and after the walk, picnic time is a relaxed and easy-going event.

Many thanks for your support, parents. We are hoping to put your contributions towards buying more artificial grass. Hopefully the installation will be sooner rather than later with winter and mud around the corner. We thank you for your support.

## **All the Pre-Reception and Reception Class Educators**

**\*\*\* Happy Birthday to Olwyn Launder (13/5) and Nolan Siebritz (15/5) – Have a wonderful day! \*\*\***

**The next issue of the Ebenezer will close on Friday 13 May. Please let me have any news, articles, photos or ads by 2pm or for more information call 072 575 3451 or email [jan.sleet@gmail.com](mailto:jan.sleet@gmail.com)**



## **Boys and Dads**

We want to encourage all the dads (not forgetting grandfathers and uncles) in the school to read the newsletter, so we're giving you a very special edition. Coming early in June ... The Boys' Issue!!! Make sure you make your mark on this one-off issue. You can start sending in your contributions now, with the closing date being Friday 27 May. This is your chance to be heard, so don't miss it!!

## **Classified Ads**

- **KUMON STELLENBOSCH** for Maths & English... where every child is an achiever. Monday & Thursday afternoons at Eikestad Primary. Pre-primary – Gr 9 students. Contact Leana: (021) 930-5990/ 082 789 0431
- Does your child need a tutor or Homework Helper? Visit our website at: [www.ABCtutors.co.za](http://www.ABCtutors.co.za) or email us at: [Carmen@abctutors.co.za](mailto:Carmen@abctutors.co.za)
- French lessons offered @ the **Alliance Française de Stellenbosch** situated @ 37 Erfurthuis, Ryneveld Street, Stellenbosch. All levels: beginners, intermediate, advanced, conversation. Introducing "Fun French" morning classes. For more information, contact Christine on 021 – 883 8119 or 084 920 6966